

NATURE SENT A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.) than an express train-going about on I read, the other evening, a news- its own axis at the rate of 25,000 miles Same one else.

Ver remember that, last spring, they had a lot of big freshets out in Ohio and Indiana. Dayton, you recall,

much property. The item which I am thinking about us tells what Floyd county, Ind., farmers have discovered since the flood.

They got it bad. Their fields were their fences, pig-pens, chicken-coops, barns, etc. were carried away. Other farmers' pig-pens and chicken-coops, etc., from unknown reaches up river were lodged on their fields. Also when the water drained off and the mud dried up, they found that an average of five or six inches of sediment was distributed all over their low lands.

At first they looked upon this deposit as a blighting curse. While wet it was just sticky nastiness: even when ing hard luck is nothing to brag about; dry it spread out in a dead expanse apparently hopeless barrenness, haled odors which suggested a com-bination of all the bad odors of the whole universe. It smelled of barn yards and of cess pools; of dead fish and sewage; of rotten eggs and skunks in active eruption; and of scores of other more or less unpleasant things. It seemed to the farmers, for a time, as if they had not only had their farms ruined, but were in for an out- bugs. You can drive a nail into new break of epidemic and pestilence.

At last, however, some few, who had had experience with flooded lowlands in other places, began to work the stuff, plowing it under and opening it light. The rest gradually followed their example. They wonked it the best they could and put in their crops. Of course, they had no manure and What the government can do or they couldn't do very nice cultivation. that half a loaf would be better than neither you nor I can prevent frosts

Now firey are having the biggest neighbors. The heat which is burn- use it to boil the kettle with ing up our crops is simply hot-housing into gigantic growth. They aren't missing their manuse, for the them free gratis, for mothing, a larger amount of better compounded going to help for many years. fertilization than any antificial methods of manuring have ever yet developed.

In other words, they are finding out that the flood which, at the time, seemed to be an unmitigated evil, really did frem about four times as

much good as harm. It drove them under cover for a fences and pig-pens and the like, and forced them to a few days' diet of dried angles and homing. That was

Now, they can live on Easy Street for the next dozen years, with nothing to do but put in their crops, harvest That's the other side of it.

They thought they were being batted over their heads with a big chill. Instead of within, they were being boosted up seven flights of stairs to the top-floor of farming success.

There are a whole lot of moral lescors in this occurrence, which I'm going to let every fellow draw for himself, according to his own views of

which one fits best. But there's just one practical sugstion which comes into my mind. That is this when you're helplessly that on your lines at midnight you can see more stars than when you're walking exectly down the road at noon.

Yen that's just what he does. Be-

cause, as a mere matter of practical,

It would be better, all 'round. if we lived a little more for tomorrow bag full of bad luck on us, no matter and new week.

Should be Removed

paper item which interested me. Per- a day,-going through space, along haps it will also prove suggestive to with the sun and the other planets, a good many miles every second, toward somewhere near the Little Dipper. There are a great many things lia-

ble to happen, almost any time. Things have happened in the past, are happenwas devastated and almost washed off ing now, and are going to keep on hapthe man All through half a dozen pening. Some of them are pleasant states but mainly in the two I have and some of them are unpleasant. We states but mainly in the two I have are not asked what we would like to mentioned the high water inundated are not asked what we would like to have happen. We are permitted to stand and take what's passed out to

Now, when the big machine of the universe, in its grinding, passes out to us a dish of strawberry ice cream, we covered sometimes with several feet have the right to take it and eat it, of exceedingly nasty water. Many of just as it comes. When the same machine, in its grinding, sluices upon us a Dayton flood which we can't eat with a spoon, the thing to do is to make that flood serve us in providing some-

> is called. It's no evidence that the nor to whisper about. But it's a mighty useful thing in

Stir it with a fork or a srick and it ex- | forcing you to look ahead of the passing moment and outside of the immediate clouds, to see if there isn't some way you can turn hard luck into ad-可以 · 经 的 图 图 图 图 图 图 图 图 图

Why, heaven bless us, it's only difficulties which are worth doing, any-way. "Easy snaps" are as toxic to true manhood as Paris Green to potato bugs. You can drive a nail into new cheese a good deal easier than into a seasoned white oak plank. But, when you've got that nail full length into the local enterprise. At the last sesthat plank, you've got something that'll hold, which is more than a keg full of spikes in a cheese would do. to the sweetening agtion of the sun- Supreme success is to make of obsta-

can't do is one question. But, so far They didn't expect much, but reasoned as the individual farmer is concerned. from freezing our early tomatoes, nor surprise of their lives. For this mud- have got to take them as they come. covered, sediment-enriched land is The wise thing and the only wise thing producing such crops as never before for us to do is, when Nature has got were seen or heard of in that vicinity. through whaling us, to pick up the Penple there don't know that there's gad she's dropped and see if we can't such a thing as a drouth among their whittle a crutch out of it, or, at least,

These Indiana farmers are finding out that what they regarded as an unflood sediment brought and spread for mitigated evil, was really a big blessing. It hurt for a few days, but is Don't yen suppose that a great majority of the hard luck we meet in the course of our farming experiences could be turned into more or less profit, if we only had the eyes to see what to do with it and the energy to carry out the work?

We farmers boast ourselves that we week or so, cost them some barns and are practical men. Good enough! But there's a difference between men and machines. Most machines are emin-ently "practical." They do the same work over and over again, the work that comes within their capacity and which they are made to do. Men are capable of doing the same work, and and carry the money to the also of making the machines to do it.

If we think them worth while. Furthermore, we're capable of making the machines sometimes do work which they weren't originally built to do. We're also capable of making our mistakes school masters and of making our bad luck a hired man to work for us. It will take more "gumption," undoubtedly. But what is our "gumption" for if not to use?

One of the best farmers I ever knew used to take a "day off" every so often. The only physically active thing I ever knew him to do at such a time was to sit on the fence and whittle. But he wasn't ielle, for all that he seemed so. He had found that he wasn't personally capable of working his muscles and his brains hard at the same time. He had to stop driving "Great Coesar's ghost?" I seem to the one if he wanted a good job from thear one of you saying: "Does this the other. When he seemed to be idly creaty Farmer call that a "practical" whitting splinters he was really

Next time a flood sweeps down on commonplace, every day work, it's a those Indiana farmers, they won't sit good deal more effective to look up at their attic windows swelling the than to built down; to look ahead than waters with their useless tears. They'll to book bestriend: to look out than to be planning how to get the seed and the help to put in about twice as big We formers get too much in the crops as usual, so as to gain the benefit

hads of living in todays and yester- of the free manuring Next time Old Lady Nature turns This is quite a large world. And there is so the wet or dry variety. It is supplied a large world. And there is supplied about it and see there's quite a lot of room around it. If there isn't something we can get as and it's "going some,"—going around salvage out of the lot!

THE FARMER.

WHAT AGITATES NEW LONDON

Gov. Baldwin's Independence—The High Price of Ice Prompts

There are some gentlemen in New was the choice of the democrats. Both London of republicup personsion who capable lawyers and well qualified for say that Covernor Buldwin, who was checked to the high office on the demo-crate tieker a couple of times, is possible tieker a couple of times, is possible to the covernor that the covernor the cracic tieker a couple of times, is possible to the covernor that the covernor the covernor that the covernor thas the covernor that the covernor that the covernor that the cove

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wanted to take a day off. Mr. Belcher declined. Now as a last resort, when the governor could get no democrat to accept the sop his excellency, re-appointed Lewis W. Crandall, the didate for reappointment. The governor's action in reappointing Judge Colt was free of all strings and the continued to grow and prosper while the to suit himself. As a result there will be no change in the officials of the court. So it is no surprise that the judgment of the governor is commened by the gentlemen who are beneficiaries of that most excellent judgment.

Never before since the water was known to freeze has lice been so high in price as at the present time, notwithstanding the fact that last winter was not a real bad ice producing season, even if it was not of the very best. As there was not much ice cut for Any man can have bad luck, as it during the warm months. But it was that it could be secured for a hotel at scalled. It's no evidence that the only an intimation, for the big ice a lower price than for any other use. ord especially loves you that you company of the city immediately con-Lord especially loves you that you have a plenty of it. He sends His tracted to take all the product of the rain on the just and the unjust: also artificial plant. This big ice company if some body of enterprising men his floods and His earthquakes. Have never relied upon the local product of what seems to be a very bright op-Willington and had it brought to New London by rall. This is being done this summer just as it has been in the summers that have passed on. The only changed conditions are the increased

Mayor Mahan declares that such conditions ought not to prevail and de-clares that if feasible the city will take advantage of its vested charter rights and go into the ice business besion of the general assembly the city was given authority to harvest, purnecessary to engage in the ice business it is time for the natural ice to put in an appearance. But there is time for out its full quota of manufacturing in-the city to buy ice and sell it without dustries, nor can a city be a successful drouths from drying up our fields, nor loss to the city to the people, the rich summer resort without a summer hofloods from ravaging our farms. We and the poor alike: and if the mayhave got to take them as there are

> the required appropriation is made, to have ice houses built near the borders equipment for harvesting and storing more. the ice, a plant large enough to handle all the ice required for public use, and sell it at the actual cost of production and delivery. Though Lake Konomoo is eight miles from the city, that distance is short nowadays, made so by modern automobile trucks. The cost of production would be no greater at Lake Konomoc than at Willington and the people could have ice at a price very much lower than has been usual, In addition the people would be sure were receiving the pure mestic purposes.

If the city is to engage in the ice business, the mayor believes in going at it right and prepare to furnish ice even though the winter be so mild that ice harvesting is impossible. To do this an artificial ice plant would be necessary and that is all figured in the general plan. While at the outset the expenditure might look big it would be coin well invested and in a business which every resident, except the few now in the ice business, would be beneficiaries. This ice business is a serious question and has been given the most careful attention by the mayor. That's the reason why petition was made to the general assembly of the present year to so amend the city charter that would permit of a municipal ice plant or permit the city to engage in the ice business on any plan that is considered feasible.

Seasons come and seasons go but the hotel on the Atlantic coast, Sixty London.

years ago when the Pequot house was erected its promoters realized that it was an ideal site and that the buildre-the development of New London into a can-summer resort that would rivel New-Pequot house was licked by the mer resort, however, without a summer hotel is like unto the play written by the immortal William who said something of Hamlet but which would be no play without the leading charac-

True there is a magnificent hotel on the opposite side of the harbor in the town of Groton, but that is quite a distance from New London. It's a pity there is none, and greater the pity that the site of the old Pequot house is not public use in the immediate vicinity utilized for a hotel before it becomes of New London, the artificial ice was too late, and no site is available for put in operation and intimation made the great summer hotel of the future. put in operation and intimation made the great summer hotel of the future. that it would be possible for people of The site is owned by Senator Brande-moderate means to be served with ice gee and he has been quoted as saying

The conditions at the Pequot, are much better at the present time than when the old Pequot house was built and men of that time foresaw a bright-er future for the place. All around the place were pasture lands now covered practically guaranteed. It is strange that this matter of a summer hotel does not attract the attention of that active organization of boosters known as the New London Business Men's association and the kindred organizachase, manufacture and sell ice, and tions. A hotel is much more than ex-in fact given all the privileges that are ploiting the manufacture and sale of a motor-driven typewriter which requires in any manner desired. No ice can be as a starter about \$500,000 and as much harvested this summer, that's sure, more to make good, provided the inharvested this summer, that's sure, and it's also sure that no artificial ice vention should prove to be just what plant can be built and operated before it is represented or even more. A city cannot be a city of consequence withand both should be encouraged New London has some industries but it has no summer hotel. It would be well to reach out and get semething we have not, though it is within reach, of Lake Konomoc, for the source of the before adding to what we have just for city's supply, with the necessary the sake of getting just a little bit

The time was when residents of New London, passengers on New Haven railroad trains in passing over the trestle in Winthrop's cove, took pride in calling attention of the seat-mate to the hull of the schooner Charles Colgate as the last of the big fleet of New London whaling vessels and work the transportation would be less. So in a word or two on the side of the progress of New London since the old whaling times. But that was in the long ago. The New Londoner no longer call attention of seat-mate to what article, just as clear and as clear as is left of the Colgate, but is content the water they drink and use for do-with telling of the Yale-Harvard boat races as the train crosses the big

For years the remnants of the Colgate have been partially submerged and is coming to pieces gradually, plank by plank. Now it serves as a black-eye to progress. The rotting eld hulk is now a disgrace, an eye-sore, and should be removed. The natural progress of detoriation is all too slow. For the honor and glory of the form-er owner of the old hulk, and to make more pleasant the memory of Sebast tlan Lawrence, he who gave the Sol-diers' and Sailors' and the Firemen's monuments, the Lawrence hospital, provided for a new almshouse, and who did many other generous acts for the public good, it is suggested that those representing his estate, or who have been substantial beneficiaries, give this subject consideration and cause the removel of the disgraceful distigurment from the waters of Winthrop's cove. There are other articles site of the old Pequot house remains of a more enduring nature that will houseless, although it is one of the perpetuate the name of Lawrence and mose desirable locations for a summer the good old whaling days in New

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

Washington County, R. 1. | for Joseph Girad, is boarding at Rest USQUEPAUGH

Webster-Kenyon Wedding-7 Quarts of Berries from One Bush.

On July 30 at 4.30 at the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Keyon, Annie Eliza Kenyon became the bride of Samuel C. Webster, Jr., of Boston. Rev. J. H. Trenberth of Valley Falls was the officiating clergyman. The bride was prettily attired in white satin with tunic of marquisette, trimmed with a broad band of insertion The long veil was fastened with white rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Corinne Andrews of Sleeum, R. I., who was bridemaid, wore pink satin with tunic of pink chiffon. She carried pink roses. Frank Harker of Pennsylvania was best man. The double ring service was used. There were eighty relatives and friends present. A number were kept away by the electrical storm, Mr, and Mrs. Webster left on the 5.20 train from Kingston for their home at Readville, Mass., all wishing them a long, happy

At Rest Cottage. Mrs. C. H. Garbutt and daughter, Do-

Camin Andrews of Slocum spent a

part of last week at Dr. Kenyon's. Emma Wells of Attleboro visited her mother, Mrs. Anna Wells, last week Archie Kenyon was at Wakefield on Mrs. Hattie Holgate is visiting her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knight. Mrs. Hattle Potter was a visitor at harles Franklin's Sunday and Mon-Mrs. Fannie Bicknell has returned to

WEEKAPAUG

Winners of Medals in Recent Contest-Dr. Sanford Catches 32 Pound Sal-

Howard Butcher, Jr., who has been spending a few weeks with his family at Birds' Nest camp, returned to Ard-more Wednesday evening, George Marshall of Bayfield cottage spent several days last week in Hart-

Mr. Scott of Philadelphia has joined his family at Eastcote for a few days. Leon W. Bliven has been appointed police constable for the village of

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